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CLOCK AND PROXY AUCTION**

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2008, in the above-captioned case.

A new Abstract is attached on a separate sheet.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.